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## PRESENTATION OF PROTOCOLS.

## TERMS ACCEPTED.

## THE FUTURE CAPITAL.

## LONDON, Jan. 9.

Protocol, identical in terms, and containing the proposals of the Powers for the opening of negotiations, have been handed by each of the Allies to the Chinese Envoys for signature, and for the affixing of the Imperial seal.

Dr. Morrison, the Peking correspondent of the "Times," states that he is assured that the acceptance of the terms will be duly completed.

## THE FUTURE CAPITAL.

## LONDON, Jan. 9.

Chang Chi-tung, the Viceroy of the Yangtze (Hubei and Hunan) is urging the Imperial Court to establish the future capital of the Empire in the Yangtze Valley.

## OPERATIONS OF THE ALLIES.

## LONDON, Jan. 9.

A German force, after a fight of several hours, expelled the Chinese troops from a position north-west of the junction of the walls. The Chinese loss was 300 killed and wounded.

One German was killed and four were wounded.

Colonel Tulloch, in command of a force of British, Australian, and Japanese, has returned from his punitive expedition to Koy-yang. The inhabitants of the town are now subservient.

## REORGANISATION OF THE ARMY.

## UTILISING INDIVIDUAL REGIMENTS.

## LONDON, Jan. 9.

The Imperial Treasury will shortly pay five regiments of India, which are going as garrisons to isolated colonies. In this manner the battalions now doing duty as garrisons will be freed from the duty, and the units will be added to the effective Home army.

## FIRE AT AN ORPHAN ASYLUM.

## MANY CHILDREN SUFFOCATED.

## LONDON, Jan. 9.

A disastrous fire has occurred at an orphan asylum containing 45 children, at Rochester, New York.

A boiler exploded, and it completely shattered one wing of the building. The debris blocked the outlet from that part of the asylum.

Many of the children were suffocated, and others were stunned by jumping from the windows.

Twenty-eight children were killed and 30 were injured.

## THE CANADIAN-AUSTRALIAN LINE.

## LONDON, Jan. 9.

The Union Steamship Company of New Zealand has purchased a half interest in the Canadian-Australian Steamship Company.

## THE BISHOP OF LONDON.

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The Right Rev. Dr. Mandell Creighton, Bishop of London, who was reported to be progressing favourably after undergoing a second operation, has had a relapse.

## CRICKET REGULATIONS.

## LONDON, Jan. 8.

The Marylebone Cricket Club committee has resolved that the captains of competing teams shall decide as to the fitness of the ground and light for play. When the captains disagree the umpires shall decide the question.

## THE ZEPPELIN AIRSHIP.

## LONDON, Jan. 8.

The Emperor William has decreed that Count von Zeppelin, the inventor of the airship. The Emperor has also decreed that German Aerial Navigation Department to support experiments made with the airship.

## BRITISH TRADE.

## LONDON, Jan. 8.

The "Times" in a review of the trade of Great Britain for last year, states that British trade is on the down grade.

## THE WOOL SALES.

## LONDON, Jan. 9.

Since last year's sales of wool there have been 250,000 bales. Of these 14,000 have been forwarded direct to the manufacturers, and there are now available for the first series of sales of the year, to be opened on January 15, 339,000 bales.

## BUSH FIRES IN THE WAGGA DISTRICT.

## CROPS AND IMPROVEMENTS DESTROYED.

## WAGGA, Wednesday.

A fire, which started on Graham's New Year's Day, burnt through Kew's Creek and Cook's Creek, and destroyed hundreds of acres of grain and other crops. It also destroyed the property of the adjoining settlers. Mr. J. J. Brown, who is the owner of the property, has been severely injured. The fire was caused by a spark from a bonfire, and it was not until the fire was under control that the fire was extinguished. The fire was caused by a spark from a bonfire, and it was not until the fire was under control that the fire was extinguished.

## THE NEWCASTLE COAL TRADE.

## NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The Newcastle coal trade is in a state of depression. The French, British, and German coal is being sold at a loss. The French coal is being sold at a loss of 10s. per ton. The British coal is being sold at a loss of 5s. per ton. The German coal is being sold at a loss of 10s. per ton.

## THE TRANSVAAL.

## BOER PEACE MOVEMENT.

## COMMITTEE FORMED AT KROONSTAD.

## APPEAL TO THE CAPE DUTCH.

## LONDON, Jan. 8.

An influential Boer peace committee is being formed in Bloemfontein to explain to the Government the Boer position. The committee is being formed in Bloemfontein to explain to the Government the Boer position. The committee is being formed in Bloemfontein to explain to the Government the Boer position.

## "ACCEPT ENGLAND'S IRREVOCABLE TERMS."

## LONDON, Jan. 8.

The Central Peace Committee formed at Kroonstad, in the Orange River Colony, includes Mr. W. D. De Wet, late Assistant Chief Commandant of the Orange Free State, and two members of the State Judiciary.

The committee has addressed an open letter to the inhabitants of Cape Colony in the following terms:—

"The moment has now arrived for the inhabitants of the Orange River Colony to strive to avert further desolation.

"The country is a wilderness. Farmers and their families have taken refuge in the towns.

"The ruin is due to the actions of a small but obstinate minority.

"We have done our best to get South Africa under one flag. We have been beaten, and it is now our duty to accept Great Britain's irrevocable terms.

"Meetings such as that of the Worcester Congress do much harm in encouraging the idea of Cape Colony. It is a mockery to you to raise false hopes in the minds of the burghers.

"We appeal to you to send a deputation to Mr. Steyn and Commandant De Wet. They are the only obstacles to peace.

"Mr. Kruger and the late Transvaal Government were twice willing to accept the British terms, but as Mr. Steyn refused the burghers were encouraged to hope for intervention. It is your duty to assist us in showing our burghers who are still fighting the hopelessness of thinking that Europe will take any such action."

## THE INVASION OF CAPE COLONY.

## AFRIKANDERS JOINING DEFENCE CORPS.

## LONDON, Jan. 9.

The Cape Town correspondent of the "Times" reports that many Afrikaners are joining the corps for the defence of Cape Colony. They declare that it is their plain duty to defend their country.

The Dutch colonists much resent the pillage of their property by the invading Boers. Fifteen hundred Boers are near Sutherland, between Tulhag and Franschhoek. Another force is near Jamestown, east-north-east of Alhwal North.

Every preparation is being made at Paarl to resist the Boers. The "Worcester Advertiser" has been suppressed.

Reuter's correspondent states that the invaders of the Calvinist district are freely receiving horses and food and goods for their success. They profess themselves to be a big party preparatory to the appearance of Commandant De Wet with a large force.

Reuter's correspondent further reports that if Commandant De Wet comes there is every likelihood of the Dutch colonists joining him provided he can supply a sufficiency of arms and ammunition.

Only the more educated of the Dutch colonists realise the hopelessness of the struggle.

Our advice states that the preparedness of the British and the significant arming of the loyalists have genuinely impressed the Dutch colonists.

A CAREFULLY ORGANISED PLAN.

## LONDON, Jan. 9.

Advices from Cape Town and an interview with Mr. Hagedorn, a Boer officer at Marcellus, appearing both in the "Daily Mail" and in the "Daily Express," concern in stating that the invaders have plenty of ammunition and arms, which were cunningly buried under the ground.

It is also stated that the invaders have been recently organised, and that it had long since been determined upon.

## AFRIKANDER DEPUTATION TO ENGLAND.

## LONDON, Jan. 8.

The Afrikaner members of the Cape House of Assembly are sending Messrs. Merriman, Sauer, and Hofmeyr to England to represent the situation to the House of Commons.

## NATIVES OFFER ASSISTANCE.

## LONDON, Jan. 8.

A deputation representing 100,000 natives of the western provinces of Cape Colony have been sent to Mr. Alfred Milner, who is anxious to assist in repelling Boer raiders. Sir Alfred Milner replied sympathetically, promising them protection. He indicated ways of assisting the Government without recourse to arms, especially in affording information to the military.

## OPERATIONS IN THE TRANSVAAL COLONY.

## LONDON, Jan. 8.

Commandant Delany, Steenkamp, and Botho, with 600 men, after successful cattle-raids in the Klerksburg and Rietfontein districts, arrived Major-General Clements and Page's pursuit by retreating to the Magaliesberg Range.

Brigadier-General Babin and Gordon, with 1600 men, on the 6th instant attacked Commandant Delany, with 800 men, expecting them from an almost impregnable position in the Klerksburg Range. The Boers were driven back, and the British were victorious.

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## THE COMMONWEALTH.

## ABORIGINAL DAY AND NIGHT DISPLAY AT BOTANY.

## BOOKING AND SPEAR THROWING.

## A NULAN NULAN SHAM FIGHT.

## LONDON, Jan. 8.

The residents of Botany and Mr. Deasy, M.L.A., were so pleased with the remarkable display made by the aborigines at the Commonwealth exhibition, that they decided to give a further aboriginal display on the 10th inst. at the Botany grounds. The event took place yesterday afternoon and evening in the presence of a numerous gathering of people, especially those of the aboriginal race.

The object of the exhibition was to enable the public to witness the actions of the aborigines in a practical manner. The display was made in a practical manner. The display was made in a practical manner.

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## NEWCASTLE.

## THE COLLIERY STRIKES.

## A BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

## PEACE PRACTICALLY ASSURED.

## NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

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